

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at Suite 104 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Presiding over the meeting was Chairperson Patricia Heim. Attending the meeting were board members Kent Coleman, Henry Fincher, Tom Lawless, Norma Lester and Justin Pitt. Kent Coleman attended the meeting; however, he could not participate because he had not received the required training.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

On motion by Lawless, seconded by Fincher, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2014 regular board meeting.

Requests for Reconsideration

10-46 Harrell Carter, for failure to file a 2010 pre-general campaign financial disclosure report with the Madison County Election Commission. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Carter has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its October 13, 2010 meeting to issue Mr. Carter a show cause notice.

The board voted at its March 9, 2011 meeting to assess Mr. Carter a \$10,000 civil penalty. Mr. Carter requested a reconsideration of the \$10,000 civil penalty assessment.

Director Rawlins informed the board that this matter had previously been forwarded to the Attorney General's office for collection.

Mr. Carter and Charles Farmer, representative for Mr. Carter, filed the required report and personally appeared before the board to request a reconsideration of the \$10,000 civil penalty assessment.

On motion by Lester, seconded by Fincher, the board voted 4 to 1 to reconsider the \$10,000 civil penalty assessment, with Lawless voting "no." A motion was made by Lester, seconded by Fincher, to have Mr. Carter pay all court costs associated with this case. A friendly amendment was made by Lawless, not accepted by Lester or Fincher, to have Mr. Carter pay all court costs and fees. The friendly amendment to have Mr. Carter pay all court costs and fees died for a lack of a second. A motion was then made by Lester, seconded by Fincher, to amend the original motion and assess Mr. Carter a \$200 civil penalty assessment. The motion to assess Mr. Carter a \$200 civil penalty passed the board 4 to 1, with Lawless voting "no."

Cases Subject to Approval of Civil Penalty Order

14-04 Brock Bennington, for failure to timely file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), nine days late, maximum two

hundred twenty-five (\$225) civil penalty. Mr. Bennington has had previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its March 12, 2014 meeting to issue Mr. Bennington a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

On motion by Lawless, seconded by Lester, the board voted unanimously to assess Mr. Bennington a \$225 civil penalty.

14-02 Friends of Police PAC, for failure to timely file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), ten days late, maximum two hundred fifty (\$250) civil penalty. The organization has had a previous matter before the board.

The board voted at its March 12, 2014 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

Director Rawlins informed the board that there has been no response to the show cause notice.

On motion by Lawless, seconded by Lester, the board voted unanimously to assess the organization a \$250 civil penalty.

14-03 Tennessee Distillers PAC, for failure to timely file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), seven days late, maximum one hundred seventy-five (\$175) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its March 12, 2014 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

Andrew Webber, treasurer for the organization, submitted a sworn statement for the board's consideration.

On motion by Lester, seconded by Fincher, the board voted 4 to 1 to take no further action in this matter, with Pitt voting "no."

Sworn Complaint

Melanie Nichole Cantrell

Director Rawlins provided the board with a sworn complaint filed with the Registry from Michael S. Farley against Melanie Nichole Cantrell.

On motion by Fincher, seconded by Lester, the board voted 4 to 0 to take no action, with Lawless "abstaining."

Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notice

Keith Clotfelter, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Clotfelter has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Bobby Scott, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Scott has had previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Steven Turner, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Turner has had previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

American Party, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had a previous matter before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Cleveland Professional Fire Fighters Assn., for failure to timely file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), three days late, maximum seventy-five (\$75) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Heim, seconded by Fincher, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

Knox County Democratic Women, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

Director Rawlins informed the board that the treasurer for the organization contacted the Registry and filed the required report.

On motion by Heim, seconded by Fincher, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

Republicans of Overton County, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Tennesseans for Liberty PAC, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten

thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Tennessee Commercial Real Estate PAC, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Tennessee Insurance PAC, for failure to file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Zeneca Inc. PAC, for failure to timely file a 2013 year-end supplemental campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), 11 days late, maximum two hundred seventy-five (\$275) civil penalty. The organization has had previous matters before the board.

On motion by Pitt, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

Other Business

Without objection, the board voted unanimously to schedule the next Registry meeting for June 11, 2014.

On motion by Heim, seconded by Lawless, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting.